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1. AS REPORTED IN EARLIER MESSAGES (NOTAL), GOI ACCEPTED USG OFFER OF 400,000 TONS WHEAT AND 100,000 TONS RICE.

2. DUE TO ABSENCE OF SEVERAL GOI OFFICIALS FROM DELHI, DISCUSSIONS ON DETAILS OF AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN SLOWER THAN EXPECTED. IN APRIL 20 MEETING GOI ACCEPTED USG STANDARD LANGUAGE ON PREAMBLE AND PART I. AGREED MINUTES WILL REMAIN AS LAST YEAR MINUS REFERENCE TO SOVIET GRAIN REPAYMENT SINCE GOI CAN NOW ACCEPT STANDARD USG LANGUAGE IN PART II WHICH BARS ANY EXPORT OF WHEAT.

3. ONLY TWO PROBLEMS REMAIN AND BOTH, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, ARE OF DRAFTING NATURE. GOI HAS OBJECTED TO USG DRAFT OF "SELF-HELP MEASURES" WHICH IN GOI'S (AND EMBASSY(S) VIEW IS NOT DRAFTED SO AS TO APPLY TO INDIAN SITUATION IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. PROBLEM IS
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PRESENTATIONAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE AND SLIGHTLY

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MODIFIED VERSION WHILE STILL TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
RELEVANT PL 480 LEGISLATION WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR
USG REVIEW.

4. OTHER ISSUE RELATES TO RIVE UMR. OTHER THAN US
RICE, GOI DOES NOT EXPECT TO IMPORT ADDITIONAL RICE
IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. UMR OF 100,000 TONS FOR FY76
ACCEPTABLE SINCE GOI HAS ALREADY PURCHASED MORE THAN
THIS AMOUNT FROM THAILAND. GOI CONCERN IS THAT INDIA
MAY NOT HAVE IMPORTED AND/OR UTILIZED US RICE PRIOR
TO JUNE 30, 1976 AND, IF SO, NEW UMR WOULD COME INTO
EFFECT. GOI IS WILLING TO ACCEPT UMR, IF, IN EFFECT,
IT CAN BE EXTENDED THROUGH INTERIM QUARTER, I.E.,
SEPTEMBER 30. LANGUAGE TO DEAL WITH THIS FOR
POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE AGREED MINUTES WILL BE
SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON.

5. TO SUM UP, ALL IS GOING WELL THOUGH A TRIFLE
SLOWLY. ASSUMING WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE ON ABOVE
POINTS AND ALLOWING FOR 72 HOUR NOTICE PERIOD WHICH
OUR NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRE, WE WOULD HOPE
FOR SIGNATURE LATE NEXT WEEK.
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